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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:	)	
M. Seul	)	
Serial No. 10/645,426	)	Group Art Unit: 1641
Confirmation No. 8876	)	Examiner: Do, Pensee T.
Filed: 6/21/2003	)	
For: Arrays Formed of Encoded Beads Having	)	
Ligands Attached	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**Preliminary Amendment**

**Interview Summary (5/15/2006)**

After receiving the Final Rejection of 5/8/2006, the undersigned called the Examiner, pointed out that the primary prior art reference, Gombinski, does not disclose "different particle-attached ligands, wherein different ligands are attached to different particles and said particles are encoded with a chemical or physical characteristic that permits identification of the ligand or ligands attached thereto," because Gombinski only discloses (for certain embodiments) encoding of particles by their spatial-location – not by a "chemical or physical characteristic." The undersigned also discussed possible amendments to the claims which would make the case allowable – which are not incorporated in the attached claims. The Examiner is thanked for the time